



CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Irvine – Bond Fire 55% Contained in Silverado Canyon

(U) A wind-driven brush fire in Silverado Canyon sparked by a house fire has burned 7,375 acres, destroyed 30 buildings and was 55% contained Sunday, with residents still under evacuation orders in the Modjeska, Silverado and Williams Canyon areas. The 30 structures destroyed were not all homes, and another 21 structures were damaged, the Orange County Fire Authority reported. Firefighters continued to look for and mop up hot spots Saturday while clearing more vegetation around the fire and shoring up the containment lines, the Orange County Fire Authority said in its evening update.

SOURCE: 6 December 2020, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

(U) Sacramento – Protesters Clash at State Capitol

(U) Cars were vandalized, objects were thrown, and over 150 Sacramento police officers stood between President Trump supporters and protesters at the Capitol in downtown Sacramento on Saturday. Two opposing groups tossed fireworks, glass bottles, and liquids at each other as law enforcement tried to keep them separated, according to the Sacramento Police Department. Demonstrators from both groups pointed lasers into officers' eyes as officers tried to keep the separation, authorities said.

SOURCE: 6 December 2020, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Authorities Seize Drugs Worth \$62.8M in Juarez After Receiving Anonymous Tip

(U) Juarez – On Sunday, Mexican authorities said they found an abandoned flatbed trailer with a \$62.8 million load of drugs hidden between sacks of plaster mix. Police seized the truck after receiving an anonymous call Saturday night. Municipal police officers, soldiers, and federal police located the abandoned truck, and a drug-sniffing dog is said to have alerted the officers to the presence of narcotics on the flatbed, whose cargo was covered with blue and yellow tarps. A tow truck hauled the vehicle to a city police station where officers unloaded the cargo and found nine-pounds of fentanyl, 144-pounds of crystal meth, 12-pounds of heroin, and 2,894-pounds of marijuana.

SOURCE: 6 December 2020, [KTSM](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Suggests 'Pulsed Radio Frequency Energy' Likely Cause of Illness Suffered by US Government Employees at Embassies in Cuba, China

(U) Washington DC – Mysterious neurological symptoms experienced by more than 40 US diplomats at embassies in Cuba and China appear to have been caused by "directed, pulsed radio frequency energy," according to a new report by the National Academies of Sciences (NAS), media reported Saturday. The report cites medical evidence to back up the claim, following assertions from intelligence officials that microwave energy was behind symptoms such as dizziness, pressure in the head, and hearing loud sounds. The NAS report does not definitively conclude that the energy was delivered intentionally but also does not rule out the possibility that a weapon was used to deliver the energy.

SOURCE: 6 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – Ransomware Cyberattack Causes Major Outages to Multiple Locations in Texas, Arkansas

(U) Bowie County – A ransomware cyberattack has struck city computers causing outages across Bowie and Miller counties, Texas, and Arkansas. According to a Bowie County official, the computers at the Courthouse and BiState have been shut down today along with other agencies. According to a press release from the city of Texarkana, Texas, “around 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, a wide-spread IT issue has caused major outages to systems and services provided by Texarkana Water Utilities to the Cities of Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas and Bowie County. It is important to note that 9-1-1 services are not impacted.”

SOURCE: 6 December 2020, [TXK Today](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – 30 Arrested in Paris Protests Against New Security Bill

(U) Paris – Police arrested 30 people, some outfitted in black bloc, attending a Saturday demonstration against a new security bill that critics say would curb civil liberties, prompting clashes with police, burning cars, and other acts of violence. Thousands demonstrated in Paris against plans for the new global security draft law that would make it a crime to film or take photos of police with malevolent intent. Unions also demonstrated against planned layoffs and police violence. The government has accepted a rewrite of Article 24 of the Global Security Act, which critics say undermines "the freedom of the press, the freedom of expression and the freedom to demonstrate."

SOURCE: 4 December 2020, [UPI](#)

(U) Morocco – Moroccan Police Arrest Three in Tetouan for Suspected Plots, Links to ISIS

(U) Tetouan – Moroccan police said Friday they had arrested three men in the northern city Tetouan, suspected of terrorist plots and links to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). According to the Moroccan Central Bureau of Judicial Investigations, the men had taped a video in which they pledged allegiance to ISIS. In the video, the men had also specified the main objectives of their terrorist plans.

SOURCE: 4 December 2020, [Africa News](#)

(U) Spain – National Police Arrest Suspected ISIS Member in Madrid

(U) Madrid – Spanish national police in Madrid on Saturday arrested an imam professor on suspicion of being an active member of ISIS. He is also alleged to have helped a known ISIS terrorist enter and settle in Spain. A search of the imam's property reportedly recovered hundreds of files relating to Jihadist activities, including military training manuals. His activity on the internet led him to obtain a large number of contacts from ISIS members located in a conflict zone, one of them being a returned terrorist detained in Catalonia, whom he helped to travel to Spain by providing logistical support.

SOURCE: 5 December 2020, [EuroWeekly](#)

(U) Turkey – Police Arrest 11 with Suspected Links to ISIS in Samsun Province

(U) Samsun – Eleven people with suspected links to ISIS have been arrested in Turkey's Black Sea province of Samsun, Turkish security sources said Friday. Provincial anti-terror police teams carried out simultaneous operations in the Ilkadim and Atakum districts to arrest the suspects, who are of Iraqi origin. A number of digital materials were also seized in the operations.

SOURCE: 4 December 2020, [Anadolu Agency](#)

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(U) United Arab Emirates – UAE Target of Cyber Attacks After Israel Deal, Official Says

(U) Dubai – The United Arab Emirates was the target of cyberattacks after establishing formal ties with Israel, the Gulf Arab state's cyber security head said on Sunday. The UAE in August broke with decades of Arab policy when it agreed to forge ties with Israel in a move that angered Palestinians and some Muslim states and communities. Bahrain and Sudan have followed suit. Mohamed Hamad al-Kuwaiti said the financial sector was targeted but did not elaborate. He did not say if any of the attacks were successful or provide details on who the perpetrators were.

SOURCE: 6 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

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